

Listing of Claims:

1-9 (Cancelled).

10 (Currently Amended). A coated polymeric article comprising a film
comprising:

(a) a coextruded ~~polymeric~~ polypropylene substrate consisting of a first outer surface of a maleic anhydride modified ~~polyolefin~~ polypropylene layer and a second outer surface of a selected ~~polyolefin~~ polypropylene layer; and

(b) a polysilicate coating on the maleic anhydride modified polypropylene layer;

wherein component (a) is stretched approximately 4 to 5 times in the machine direction, followed by transverse stretching approximately 9 to 10 times, such that a thickness of component (a) in the range of about 0.5 to about 2 mil was achieved prior to coating;

and wherein said coated polymeric article has an oxygen transmission rate of 3 to 15 cc/m²/day at 1 bar, 23°C and 50% relative humidity.

11 (Original). The coated article according to claim 10, wherein said article further comprises a top coat.

12 (Original). The coated article according to claim 11, wherein the top coat is selected from the group consisting of polymethacrylate, cellulose acetate, and cellulose nitrate.



13-16 (Cancelled).

17 (Original). The article according to claim 10, wherein the article is a bottle.

18 (Cancelled).

19 (Original). The article according to claim 10, wherein said polysilicate coating has a thickness ranging from about 200 to about 500 nm.

20 (Original). The article according to claim 10, wherein said polysilicate coating comprises a lithium polysilicate.

21 (Original). The article according to claim 10, wherein said polysilicate coating comprises a lithium-potassium copolysilicate.

22 (Original). The article according to claim 10, wherein the article is selected from the group consisting of bottles, jars, lidlocks and blister packs.

23 (Cancelled).

24 (Currently Amended). A coated polymeric film comprising:

(a) a coextruded ~~polymeric~~ polypropylene substrate consisting of a first outer surface of a maleic anhydride modified ~~polyolefin~~ polypropylene layer and a

second outer surface of a selected ~~polyolefin~~ polypropylene layer; and

(b) a polysilicate coating on the maleic anhydride modified polypropylene layer;

wherein component (a) is stretched approximately 4 to 5 times in the machine direction, followed by transverse stretching approximately 9 to 10 times, such that a thickness of component (a) in the range of about 0.5 to about 2 mil was achieved prior to coating;

and wherein said coated polymeric article has an oxygen transmission rate of 3 to 15 cc/m²/day at 1 bar, 23°C and 50% relative humidity.

25 (Original). The film according to claim 24, wherein said polysilicate coating has a thickness ranging from about 0.5 μm .

26 (Original). The film according to claim 24, wherein said polysilicate coating comprises a lithium-potassium copolysilicate.